ABSTRACT

The following means are adopted in the image processing apparatus according to the present invention. First, an object image separating means separate a color image described in an outputting control language into the command image generated by the drawing command and the photo image generated by the image data having color information per pixel, such as a bitmap data, so that the command image and the photo image are color-processed separately. As for the command images, there is provided command image processing means to color-process color palette information given to a region specified by the drawing command and to generate a first image having color information by the pixel, such as a bitmap image. As for the photo images, there is provided photo image processing means to color-process and generate a second pixel image. In this color-processing, the photo image is divided into a plurality of image blocks. Then at least one kind of colors or representative colors among the colors making up the image block is decided on.